



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Olivier de Pous et al.) PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No.: Serial No. 09/775,949) VAL1599P0190US
Filed: February 2, 2001) Group Art Unit: 3727
For: ATTACHMENT DEVICE TO) Confirmation No. 1510
ATTACH A PUMP OR VALVE)
ONTO A RECIPIENT NECK)
Examiner: Lien M. Ngo)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Official Action Paper No. 20 dated December 12, 2003.

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a Deposit Account if required.

Claims 1-29 are pending, but claims 10-16 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-9 and 17-29 were rejected in the outstanding Official Action.

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